

Youth Resource Connections

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Headlines

One Stops Partners with Home Depot. Home Depot Stores have developed a partnership with One Stops Center to screen and refer applicants for jobs in Home Depot stores nationwide. One Stop centers will provide qualified applicants for specific hiring needs. To learn more about Home Depot and the New Hire Partnership visit: <http://www.nbpjobs.org>.

Drug-Free Community Support Program. The Office of National Drug Control Policy and the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), are seeking applications for fiscal year 2003 Drug-Free Communities Support Program to reduce substance abuse among youth and adults. Approximately 150 grants of up to \$100,000 each will be awarded to community coalitions that are working to prevent and reduce substance abuse among youth. Community coalitions whose members have worked together on substance abuse reduction for a period of not less than 6 months are eligible to apply. All applications must be completed on-line using OJJDP's Grants Management System at <http://ojp.usdoj.gov/fundoppops.htm>
Deadline: March 11.

Foundation for Child Development (FCD) sponsors fellowships. The FCD Changing Faces of America's Children Young Scholars Program provides financial support to new scholars for research on the development, early education, and health needs of young immigrants from birth to age 10. FCD will award three to four fellowships for up \$150,000 for each fellowship. To obtain more information visit the FCD website at: <http://www.ffcd.org/secondary/whatsnew.htm>. **Deadline: January 31.**

Opportunities for Youth

Cargill, Incorporated Offers College Scholarships. Cargill, Inc., offers scholarships to high school seniors in Cargill communities who are planning to pursue a two or four-year degree in any major. The program will award 350 scholarships of \$1,000 each. In addition, each recipient's high school will be eligible for a \$200 library grant; Scholarship applications are available at <http://www.cargill.com/commun/files/03communityscholarship.pdf>. **Deadline: February 15.**

Funding Opportunities

State Farm Good Neighbor Service-Learning Awards Available. State Farm announces their Good Neighbor Service-Learning Awards for teachers and youth ages 5-25. These grants provide support for teachers and youth to implement service learning projects on National Youth Service Day on April 11-13. Fifty \$500 grants will be awarded to youth and fifty grants of \$1,500 each are designated for teachers. Applications may be obtained on-line at the Youth Service America website, <http://www.ysa.org/> **Deadline: February 21.**

Keirestu Forum Foundation sponsors competition for social ventures. The foundation will award funds to nonprofit organizations and private sector leaders for innovative social business plans addressing social issues. For further information go to: <http://socialstimulus.org/comptettion> **Deadlines vary.**

Beaumont Foundation of America awards grants for computers. Beaumont Foundation will award \$350 million over a 5-year period to communities, education entities, and individuals. The funds provide financial support for purchase of computer technology for the digital inclusion for underserved individuals. For information on the grant guidelines and eligibility criteria for all three categories go to: <http://www.bmtfoundation.com/grants/?index=3>. **Deadline: March 31.**

Mockingbird Foundation (MFI) Offers Funding for Children's Music Education Programs. Mockingbird Foundation offers funds for projects that encourage and foster creative expression in any musical form (including composition, instrumentation, vocalization, or improvisation). MFI invites applications associated with diverse or unusual musical styles, genres, forms, and philosophies. The organization is particularly interested in programs that benefit disenfranchised groups, including those with low skill levels, income, or education; with disabilities or terminal illnesses; and in foster homes, shelters, hospitals, prisons, or other remote or isolated situations. Visit <http://www.mockingbirdfoundation.org/> . **Deadlines: February 1 and August 1.**

USA Funds to Award Scholarships for College Students Demonstrating Financial Need. USA Funds, a leading nonprofit education-loan guarantor, has announced the availability of \$3.5 million in scholarship funds to assist college students able to demonstrate financial need. For complete eligibility information and to download an application form, visit the USA Funds' Web site. <http://www.usafunds.org/> . **Deadline: March 15.**

National Endowment of the Arts (NEA) Announces Grants for Youth Arts Projects. The NEA project, *Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth* provides funding to advance learning in the arts for children and youth. Visit <http://www.nea.gov/> for eligibility information and application guidelines.

Orphan Foundation Offers Scholarships for Foster Care Youth. The Orphan Foundation of America awards between \$1,500 and \$10,000 a year to students pursuing a two- or four-year degree or vocational training certificate. The program provides financial aid for tuition and living expenses, an online mentor or education coach, and individualized "care packages" throughout the school year. Individuals under the age of 25, currently in foster care or who have been in foster care for more than a year at the time of their 18th birthday or high school graduation are eligible to apply. For more information go to: <http://www.orphan.org/> **Deadline: April 15.**

Websites

Communities in Schools (CIS) website. CIS website highlights community resources and connections with schools. Go to: <http://www.cisnet.org>.

First Book National Book Bank provides books to nonprofit organizations that help children in low-income families, by enhancing preschool and after-school programs. The site helps visitors get involved in distribution programs and promotes program growth. To download information, go to: <http://bookbank.firstbook.org/nbb/get/nbbhome.asp>

Southwest Washington Workforce Development Board establishes website. Southwest Washington Development Council has developed a Youth Resource Mapping website. For more information visit: <http://www.youthsource-sww.org/swyc>.

Publications/Reports/Resources

Action Guide for Community Leaders and Parents. The Public Education Network has developed a guide to explain the “No Child Left Behind” legislation for states, districts and schools. To download a copy go to: <http://www.publiceducation.org/pubs/pubpreorder/orderform.asp>.

Connecting Schools and Youth Development. The Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) has developed a report for educators and youth development workers offering strategies for connecting schools and youth development. The report entitled: *Helping Young People Succeed: Strengthening and Sustaining Relationships Between Schools and Youth Development Organizations* may be found at: <http://www.communityschools.org/helpingyoungpeople.pdf>.

Technology access for youth with disabilities. *Bridging the Digital Divide in Post Secondary Education: Technology Access for Youth with Disabilities* brief outlines the challenges youth with disabilities face in gaining access to technology and provides specific recommendations for achieving greater technology access. To download information go to: <http://ncset.org/publications/viewdesc.asp?id=718>

Annie Casey Foundation publishes youth offenders report. The foundation published “Barriers and Promising Approaches to Workforce and Youth Development for Youth Offenders.” This report describes the 15 best performing job training and placement programs for juvenile offenders. The report overview can be downloaded at: http://www.nyec.org/workforce_overview.pdf.

Tapping Employment Opportunities for Youth with Disabilities. This report examines employer perspectives on managing supports and accommodations for youth with disabilities, and the implications of these studies for transition to practice and employment services for youth with disabilities. For more information visit: <http://ncset.org/publications/viewsesc.asp?id>

Calendar of Events

January 31. National Groundhog Job Shadow Day. Visit: <http://www.jobshadow.org>

February 18. San Diego, CA. Conference on Faith-Based & Community Initiatives. Visit <http://www.fbc.gov>

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February 19-21. Long Beach, CA. WIA Learning Exchange. Visit <http://www.dtiassociates.com/wiaexchange>

April 11-13, Nationwide. National Youth Service Day. Visit <http://ysa.org/nysindex.cfm> or e-mail ysa.org

April 23-26. Minneapolis, Minnesota. 14th Annual National Service Learning Conference. To register on-line go to www.nylc.org or contact 800-366-6952.

April 23-25, Chicago, IL. National Pathways To Adulthood 2003 Conference. For Independent Living State Coordinators, transitional living grantees and other youth services providers. Contact 918-660-3700.

April 27-29, Reno, NV. Rural Workforce Conference 2003(Region VI). Contact Kris Latimer at 541-928-0241, ext.219.

May 12-17, Des Moines, IA. 33rd Annual Education Conference. Contact 800-277-8145.

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We welcome your input. Please let us know how these updates might be improved to better serve your needs. If you would like to contribute information, post an inquiry, or suggest topics to cover, please contact Anne Stom (Astom@doleta.gov; 202-693-3377 or Susan Rosenblum (srosenblum@doleta.gov; 202-693-3597).

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